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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 14, 2003, entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-90 are pending, and have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 into the following seven groups:

Group I: Claims 1-10 and 17-26, directed to an isolated prokineticin polypeptide, a variant or fragment thereof, and a pharmaceutical composition thereof;

Group II: Claims 11 and 27, directed to a method of stimulating GI smooth muscle with the polypeptide;